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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Anita H. Lewin, James P. Hayes and
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Application No. : 10/646,284 Confirmation No.: 9373

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For : METHODS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYALKYL
TROPANE ESTERS

Group Art Unit : 1625

Examiner : Bernard I. Dentz

New York, New York 10020
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the October 13, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant has petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response for one month and has paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1).

Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the 1-month statutory period for this

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Reply dated February 14, 2005
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reply, February 14, 2005*, and thus, no additional extension fee is due. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

* The deadline actually falls on February 13, 2005, which is a Sunday.